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SUBJECT: RUSSIA SEEKS TO BALANCE ON GOLDSTONE REPORT

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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Susan M. Elliott for reason
s 1.4 (b) and (d).

[¶1](#). (C) Post delivered reftel demarche to Russian MFA Human Rights Department Section Chief Andrey Lanchikov on September [¶25](#). Lanchikov said that the GOR had not yet developed an agreed position on the Goldstone report, but commented that the U.S. and Russia shared common positions on the way forward.

[¶2](#). (C) Lanchikov said that the Russian delegation in Geneva had been instructed to balance any HRC resolution, and that the GOR opposed transfer of the report to the UNSC. He commented that while the report did contain language on Hamas, it was "minuscule" when compared to the amount of text regarding Israel's actions. He generalized that Russia opposed the precedent of the HRC referring items to other bodies of the UN, including the ICC. Lanchikov agreed that moving this case to the ICC would stymie peace process efforts, but said that Israel had lost the right to express its views on the report when it refused to cooperate.

[¶3](#). (C) Lanchikov told us that the Russian delegation in Geneva would be willing to work with us to seek a balanced outcome.
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